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COORDINATING COMMITTEERECORD OF DISCUSSIONONA FRENCH PROPOSAL TO EXPORT ELECTRONIC VALVES TO POLAND

25th May, 1959

Present: Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM Documents 3502 and 3536.

1. The UNITED STATES Delegate stated that on the 19th May he had sent the French Delegation a letter summing up the conclusions reached by United States experts after study of the additional details supplied by the French Delegation. They had noted that the valves ordered by Poland were normally used for airborne radar equipment. In the view of the United States experts, however, the some 30 or so aircraft which made up the Polish air fleet were not all of the same type and were certainly not all equipped with radar. That was why the United States Government would very much like to receive from the French Delegation further arguments which would justify the end-use indicated for these valves in the French Memorandum.
2. The FRENCH Delegate stated that his Delegation had indeed received from the United States Delegation a letter dated the 19th May, which had set out certain considerations regarding Polish civil aviation, but had not put any specific questions to the French Delegation. If such had been the object of the letter in question, and in order to reply accurately, the French Delegate would be grateful to his United States colleague if he would kindly say what were the exact questions he wished to put to the French Delegation.
3. The UNITED STATES Delegate pointed out that it was for the requesting country to provide proofs as to end-use, and explained that, in the view of the United States experts, the Poles did not possess a sufficient number of aircraft equipped with radar to account for an order involving so large a quantity of valves. The United States Government would ask for nothing better than to be convinced that these valves would normally be used on airborne equipment. That was why they would welcome any fresh information on that point.
4. The FRENCH Delegate stated that, put like that, the question was clearer. Speaking personally, he asked whether, in the event of the French Government reducing the number of valves specified in the order sent by the Poles, the United States Government would be more favourably disposed towards an export proposal reduced in this way.
5. The UNITED STATES Delegate undertook to put the question to his authorities. He thought personally that the principal problem was the quantity involved.
6. The FRENCH Delegate stated that an enquiry was now being carried out as to the utilisation of this order. As soon as the results were known, the French Delegate would communicate them to the United States Delegation, in the hope that the latter would be able to give a final answer to the French Delegation in the course of the Committee's meeting a week later.
7. After the NETHERLANDS and TURKISH Delegates had stated that they would accept the opinion of the majority, the COMMITTEE agreed to hear final views of Delegations on the French Government's request on the 4th June.

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